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Warsaw, *November* 26. *N. S.* The Confederated Forces in *Poland* and *Lithuania* continue ſtill in the Field; The latter are much encreaſed, and have had ſeveral Advantages over the Troops of Prince *Sapiha*. On the 17th inſtant came in an Expreſs from *Lithuania*, who not only confirmed the Accounts we had before of the Skirmiſhes there had been between them, but ſaid the Loſs on the ſide of Prince *Sapiha* was much greater than was at firſt reported: The occaſion of this Expreſs was to deſire Aſſiſtance againſt the ſaid Confederated Troops, and the day following the Primate communicated the Letters he had received to the Senate, who have not yet taken any reſolution thereupon. The French Ambaſſador at this Court, who labours all he can to advance the Intereſts of the Prince of *Conti*, has written to the Principal Officers of the Confederated Forces in *Poland*, offering a great ſum of Money to quiet them, or rather to draw them over to his Party; but we do not hear that they have returned him any anſwer, or that they ſhew any Inclination to accept his Propoſal. Here is a Diſcourſe that Prince *James* intends to go in few days to *Lithuania*, on pretence to take Poſſeſſion of ſome Eſtate which the laſt King his Father had in that Country, tho 'tis not improbable but his main deſign may be to endeavour to gain the Confederated Troops there to his Intereſt. The Queen-Dowager, who at firſt was thought to favour one of her youngeſt Sons, *Alexander* or *Conſtantin*, finding no likelihood of Succeſs (for among other Difficulties in their way to the Crown at preſent, there is a Law, which does not allow the chuſing of a King under the age of 25 years) has of late made ſeveral ſteps for promoting of Prince *James*. In the mean time the Differences between the three Brothers concerning the Diviſion of the laſt King's Eſtate are not yet quite adjuſted; but the Primate, and ſeveral of the Senators endeavour to compoſe them, and hope to effect it. At preſent there appear only two Pretenders to the Crown, Prince *James*, and the Prince of *Conti*, but as the time of the Election approaches, 'tis not unlikely ſome others may be ſet up. The laſt Letters from *Lemberg* ſay, the People on thoſe Frontiers live in great Apprehenſions of the *Tartars*, who continue in a conſiderable Body about *Camanies*.

Vienna, *November* 24. The States of *Auſtria* are to meet here the next month, and among other things 'twill be propoſed to them, to furniſh a certain number of Men for Recruiting the Emperor's Forces againſt the next Campaign. The Elector of *Saxony* will augment his Troops now in *Hungary* with 4000 Men. Orders are given for building ſeveral Veſſels to be employed with the reſt of the Emperor's Galleys and Barks on the *Danube*, where Experience ſhews, they are very uſeful.

Cologne, *Decemb.* 3. *N. S.* The Letters from the *Upper-Rhine* ſay, the Forces on both ſides are in their Winter Quarters, and that the Officers are making their Recruits. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, who has at preſent his Reſidence at *Gunſburg*, will defer his Journey to *Vienna* till after Chriſtmas.

Dublin, *November* 25. On Thurſday laſt the Body of Brigadier *Fitzpatrick* was found caſt upon the Shore, and being brought hither, was the day following honourably Entered in St. *Patrick's* Church. On the 18th inſtant a Sloop called the *Bleſſing of Briſtol*, bound home from *Barbadoes*, was caſt away on the Coaſt of *Connaught*, but the Men ſaved. They write from *Limerick* of the 20th, That His Majeſty's Collector of *Tredagh* has lately ſeized two Popiſh Biſhops and ſeveral Priests, ſuppoſed to be lately come from *France*. The *Elizabeth* of *Dublin*, *John Hartnal* Commander, from *Newfoundland*, is arrived in *Kenſey-Bay*.

Berwick, *Nov.* 27. Divers Ships of the Homeward bound Eaſt Country Fleet are arrived at *Holy Iſland*; one having juſt got into the Harbor yeſterday ſunk down right, the Men all ſaved, but at low